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**NEWS RELEASE**

## **Fatality 36**

Date/Time: Monday, July 4, 2016 @ 2:19 a.m.  
Location: Spur 601/Loop 375 Merge  
Vehicle: purple, 2008 Harley Davidson Motorcycle  
Driver: 59-year old Frederick Rodriguez of El Paso, TX **(DECEASED)**

EL PASO, TEXAS: Special Traffic Investigators (STI) of the El Paso Police Department were called to assist Northeast Patrol officers with a single vehicle, fatal collision, early Monday, July 4<sup>th</sup> at Spur 601 and Loop 375 Merge. The investigation revealed that 59-year old Frederick Rodriguez was operating a 2008 Harley Davidson Heritage Soft Tail east on Spur 601 approaching the Diverging Diamond to merge onto Loop 375. Rodriguez and the motorcycle failed to negotiate the curve in the road and struck the curb, jumping onto the median, and striking a traffic control sign pole. Rodriguez became separated from the motorcycle and as a result of the collision sustained serious injuries. He died at the scene. STI Investigators have identified speed as a contributing factor in this collision. Mr. Rodriguez becomes the 36<sup>th</sup> traffic fatality at this time in 2016 compared to 27 during this time period in 2015. This investigation continues.

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